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SUBJECT: FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON EXHIBIT

1. REQUEST THAT AGENCY INFORM JACK MASEY AND CHARLES EAMES OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION THAT PAO ARGUED UNSUCCESSFULLY WITH POLISH MINISTRY OFFICIALS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF THE SUBJECT EXHIBITION AT THE ZACHETA GALLERY EAMES'S FIRST CHOICE FOR THE SHOWINGS IN WARSAW.

2. MINCULT AND MFA OFFICIALS CLAIM ZACHETA ALREADY BOOKED FOR THE APRIL-JULY PERIOD. IN ADDITION, THEY SAY THEN ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND OUR INSISTANCE ON HAVING THE EXHIBIT PLACED IN A LESS PRESTIGIOUS SITE AND ADD THAT THE GOP HAS SHOWN GOOD FAITH BY OFFERING TO THE USG THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS LOCATION IN WARSAW, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM. WHEN PAO POINTED OUT THAT THE MFA IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR HAD STATED IT FOREWAW NO PROBLEM IN OUR HAVING THE ZACHETA SITE, THE MINCULT OFFICIALS SAID THAT HIS WAS BEFORE THE GOP HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WARSAW MUSEUM SCHEDULES. BESIDES, THEY CLAIM THAT DURING THE FIRST VISIT, MESSRS. EAMES AND MASEY STATED THE EXHIBIT HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS WERE FLEXIBLE. THEREFORE, THE COULD NOT ACCEPT OUR ARGUMENTS NOW THAT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM WAS UNACCEPTABLE FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW.

3. MINCULT OFFICIALS ALSO SAID OUR REFUSAL OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SITE WAS VERY EMBARRASSING FOR THE MINCULT AND THE MFA. IF THE EXHIBIT WAS TO BE IN THE GRAND PALAIS IN PARIS, THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE
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SITE IN WARSAW COULD BE THE NATIONAL MUSEUM. FINALLY, THE MINCULT

SAYS THE ZACHETA GALLERY IS USED ONLY FOR MODERN ART SHOWS, NEVER FOR GENERAL EXHIBITS, AND NEVER FOR PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL EXHIBITS. MINCULT AND MFA SAID DECISION ON SITE IS IRREVERSIBLE AND THE GOP WOULD GREATLY REGRET THE LOSS OF THIS EXHIBIT OVER THE QUESTION OF SITES. EMBASSY ALSO WOULD GREATLY REGRET SUCH AN OUTCOME.

4. EAMES AND MASEY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE AT IMPASSE OVER QUESTION OF SITES. MINCULT AND MFA WERE ADAMANT ON KEEPING THE EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM. WE MUST KNOW ASAP IF NATIONAL MUSEUM IS ACCEPTABLE TO EAMES AND MASEY. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE ONE MORE EFFORT THROUGH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THE PAO SPENT MORE THAN TWO HOURS AT THE TWO MINISTRIES ARGUING THE QUESTION OF SITES TO NO AVAIL. ADVISE.

5. AGENCY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MINISTRY AND MUSEUM OFFICIALS ARE BEING VERY COOPERATIVE IN ALL OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EXHIBIT. IT IS ONLY OVER THE PROBLEM OF SITES THAT WE ARE IN DISAGREEMENT.
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